



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

April 5 2024

Term 1

Week 10

Upcoming Events

9 April Tuesday	Renew Exchange Basketball Year 10 - 13, 12.30pm - 3pm
12 April Friday	Last Day of Term Mufti Day Fundraiser
30-1 May Tues & Wed	Year 12 Barista Course NorthTec
7-8 May Tues & Wed	Year 12 Barista Course NorthTec
8 May Wednesday	Clay Target Shooting
10 May Friday	Auckland University Visit
14&15 May Tues & Wed	Food & Beverage Course Year 11 Northtec
16 May Thursday	Level 1 Art trip Town Basin
17 May Friday	Assembly Whole school—Gym
21&22 May Tues & Wed	Food & Beverage Course Year 11 Northtec
20-24 May Mon-Fri	DOE Gold Hike Year 12 & 13 Peach Cove
20 May Monday	YES The Pitch (Challenge 2) L1 Business Studies
21 May Tuesday	Turbo Touch Year 9 & 10
23 May Thursday	NCEA Co-Requisites Exam Reading P1 & 2
24 May Friday	PPTA PUM 1:30pm @ Tikipunga High School
27 May Monday	NCEA Co-Requisites Exam Year 10 Writing P1 & 2
28-29 May Tues-Wed	NCEA Co-Requisites Exam Year 10 Numeracy P2 & 3

From the Principal

Kia ora/Kamusta/Haai Excellere College whānau/families,

What a blessing to have a five day Easter break! I trust everyone had a wonderful faith-filled family time together during this important time in the Christian calendar. Often, the challenge can be to separate the commercial/secular pressures from the actual “reason for the season”, Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins. Thank you to all the families that came to our Easter assembly on Thursday 28th March.

Thank you to everyone involved in recent sporting events including Rippa rugby, Tri Challenges, School Camps and Duke of Edinburgh experiences. They are such an important part of the life of our school.

I want to take an opportunity to apologise for recent poor communication on our part to the Excellere community. Unfortunately the external provider that sends our messages to the community had a technological issue. You may notice several messages from the school in your Spam or Junk files. We are hopeful this has now been rectified. Please contact the school office if this problem continues.

Student Enrolments

Although Excellere College is larger than it has ever been, we do have openings in three year groups. We will be contacting families on the wait lists but please let others know so we can arrange enrolment interviews.

Nat Brown can be contacted on natalie.brown@excellerecollege.school.nz

Year Group	Year 2	Year 6	Year 7
Student Age	6-7 years old	10-11 years old	11-12 years old

As we approach the end of Term 1 we look back on a great summer with wonderful weather that allowed us to make the most of the beautiful environment we have here in Whangārei. I had the privilege of taking a Japanese international student kayak fishing over Easter and watching her pull in good-sized snapper and kahawai. She had never experienced anything like that before. We do live in such a beautiful part of the world. God’s wonderful creation fills me with such gratitude everyday.

In my quiet time each day I list the many things I am grateful for and give thanks to our Lord that He is with us every step of the way.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)

Andy Mouat
Tumuaki

WTC Frozen Junior Excellere Cast

Congratulations to the Excellere students who landed roles in Whangarei Theatre Company's Frozen Jr! Taryn Holgate as Elsa, Aimee Whitehead as Anna, Tylah van der Hulst as Olaf, Maisy Nicholls as Sven, and Emma Posthumus as Young Elsa. Sarvag Shankar takes on the role of the Bishop, while Diane De la Harpe, Grace Stewart, and Mishe Lotz join the ensemble. Their talent and hard work prevailed against 120 other kids auditioning from around Whangarei. We're proud of their achievements and can't wait to see them bring the magic of Frozen Jr to life on stage! Tickets coming soon, keep an eye out! - Mrs Matheson



Recycling & Reducing Waste at School

We are learning to create less waste and recycle more at Excellere. One way you can help us is to buy snacks in bulk, instead of individually packed snacks for lunch boxes and use little containers which can be used many times. Also, please use reusable sandwich wraps or a paper towel instead of plastic food wraps. We appreciate your support.

- Mehrzad Zamanpour, EnviroSchool Coordinator



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julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz

Chromebook Repair Help

We have a number of Chromebooks that have been accidentally damaged or have passed their lease life. Is there anyone in our school community that could assist with repairs?

If so, could you contact the school office. Any expertise would be greatly appreciated.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Bring your apple stickers to Room 4 (Mrs Shanks & Mr Reynolds' room) and receive a house point token to put it in your house box in the school foyer. This is a house competition so get as many tokens for your house as possible. The more stickers we get, the more sports gear we will get for the school.



SPRINGS Challenge Project Help

Hi Excellere Whanau,

Jay du Plessis is looking at creating emergency blankets from recycling chip packets for his SPRINGS challenge, what a neat idea! His goal is to make 10 blankets this year and would love your help. If you could please save any large chip packets and drop them to the school office that would be greatly appreciated as it takes 55 packets to make one blanket. Now you can eat chips for charity!



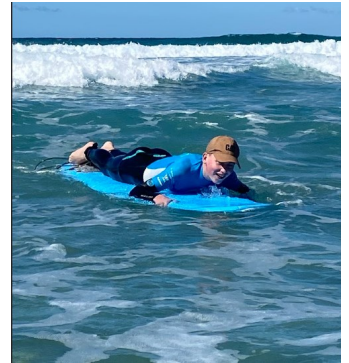
Middle College Camp

Camp was certainly a blast this year with the students being thrown into some outdoor opportunities like never before. Aotea Surf School did not disappoint with their camp set up, food and activity line up, and packed heaps into a 3 day adventure.

Term 1 is a buddy term anyway but the real bonus of doing these activities at the beginning of the year is they help to build relationship across the Middle College and we certainly made lots of memories and had a few laughs which has bought us together in a real positive way. I was impressed with the willingness of students to have a go, not sleep and have a can do positive attitude throughout the entire camp.

A huge thank you goes out to the staff and parents who were there for the camp, I'm sure they will talk and laugh about this one for awhile yet and also to all our parents, many who went the extra mile to make this type of adventure possible. So much effort was put into fundraising and also just prepping our kids to be away from home, many of which have not done this before.

As I reflect on times like this, I have a huge smile on my face and I really feel God's blessing to be part of a great school community like ours.



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Year 0-4 Sea Week - Kiwi North Visit

On Thursday the 28th of March Kiwi North visited Y0-4 to learn more about Seaweek. the students were very engaged, they learned some facts about sea life in the Pacific Ocean.

There were many hand activities such as making Jellyfish and exploring the skin of sea creatures like dolphins, whales, sea turtles etc.



Excellere College Easter Assembly



PHOTO CONSENT
If you selected 'no photo consent' on your enrolment application, photos of your child in the newsletter will usually be covered. If you would like to make an exception for the school newsletter, please contact the school office to update this.

Level 1 Photography Art Trip

In Week 8, the Level 1 art students enjoyed a beautiful morning on a photography trip from Whangarei falls to AH Reed park. The theme for this year's art was water and we used the beautiful Hātea River as our subject.

The students spent the morning taking as many as 400(!) photos of the river and surrounds to use for their art work this year.

A big thanks to our drivers, Mr Mouat and Peter who dropped us off and picked us up at either end of the walk. Thanks to Zola who volunteered at the last minute and experienced a less competitive outing than what she is normally accustomed to.



NSSSA Mountain Bike Champs

Last week our Senior boys competed at the NSSSA Mountain biking champs. Our boys had a great day with Joel and LJ both competing in the Cross country event. This event requires riders to work really hard putting huge demands on their cardiovascular system. They had to complete two laps of a large circuit and the fastest time wins.



Then in the afternoon, all three boys competed in the Endro event and this event requires riders to race down four downhill trails and they are timed - the fastest collective times win.

The results will be announced later this week from Sport Northland so keep an eye out on their website for these results.

Duke of Edinburgh — Silver Hike

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver students completed their Silver qualifying journey on Mount Taranaki. Plan B needed to be instigated as there were 100kph winds further up the mountain, and DOC advised against going up high. But The Lord works in mysterious and wonderful ways, and this proved to be a blessing in disguise.

The students got to stay in the oldest hut in NZ (over 150 years old!), walk up epically named ridgelines such as "The puffer" and "Razorback" and see what the mountain looked like covered in mist! We also managed to watch some very rare native Whio (blue ducks), go on swing bridges and climbed through all sorts of different terrains from alpine tussock country to lower rain forests.

The students showed great resilience being rained on almost constantly for the first two days, walking either up steep hills, down steep banks and having an absolute blast while doing it. Friendships were strengthened, personal abilities were pushed, poor hygiene was endured, and Taco Cat was diabolical. Mr Keyte and Mrs Kelly enjoyed being dragged around every minute and were so proud of Rhys, Miguel, Morgan, Joel and Levi for their great efforts.



Year 7 & 8 Touch Festival

Last week our Year 7-8's had the opportunity to participate at the local touch festival. We entered two teams and both teams had a really good day. It was such a pleasure to see the level of skills that this year's level has in this sport. Ella Teariki was recognised for upholding the spirit of the sport and was given a special award.



- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.

Year 5 & 6 Girls Touch Festival

Our Year 5-6 girls had a great time at the girls touch festival this week. We took 12 girls along and played five games and came away with a few strong wins - which was amazing as we were only able to fit in two practices. Mialee Boshoff was recognised as upholding the spirit of touch, showing amazing skills both physically and also showing great integrity in her games, well done Mialee and well done to all the girls.



- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



Year 5 & 6 Boys Touch Festival



The Year 5-6 boys had a great touch festival this term. We entered two teams, but we were only able to fit in a few practices. The boys did really well, picking up the required skills quickly and I watched these boys deliver some awesome tries.

Sarvag was recognized for upholding the values of touch, so well done to Sarvag and all the rest of the boys for your successful day.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Parihaka Trail Run

The BDO Parihaka trail run coming up on April 7th there are three distances to take part in 5km, 12km or 21km.

Sport Northland are offering a 20% discount to all schools across Te Tai Tokerau. Discount code **SCHOOL2024**

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Club Sport



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NSSSA Athletics

Our top athletics students from Excellere went on to compete at the NSSSA Athletics event last week. She had a team of nine that qualified for various track and field events, everyone did their best and overall it was a great day and we came away with some podium finishes. The results are as follows:

Aiden Marais: 12th Intermediate Long Jump, 7th Intermediate High Jump, 5th Intermediate Discus.

Miguel Shortland-Mendez: 6th Senior Shot put, 4th Senior Javelin

Connor Hiscox: 3rd Intermediate Triple Jump

Lydia Jongkind: 4th Intermediate 400m run

LJ Volschenk: 3rd Senior 1500m run

Hyrum Hanley: 6th Junior Shot Put

Keanu Aprea: 3rd Intermediate Javelin

Lahratio Gordon: 8th Senior Discus

June Underwood: 4th Junior 300m run

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 11 Food and Beverage Course

Over the past two weeks, the Year 11 students that enrolled in the Food & Beverage course at NorthTec have exhibited an unmistakable sense of joy and enthusiasm during their practical sessions.

Their dedication to mastering culinary skills was evident as they skilfully served their teachers and parents on the designated practical days. With each dish prepared and every beverage served, their passion for the craft shone through, leaving a lasting impression on those who tasted their creations.

These students have honed their technical abilities and demonstrated a genuine love for hospitality and service, promising a bright culinary career.



Special Olympics

Last week, a small group of students attended the Special Olympics held at the Kensington Stadium. They participated in various events with dedication and wholehearted enthusiasm.

Samara and Connor stood out for their exceptional sportsmanship, cheering on every athlete with genuine encouragement and support. Their infectious spirit uplifted the atmosphere, spreading joy and camaraderie throughout the event.

Excellere College would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts at the recent Special Olympics which saw over 80 students compete in a variety of track and field events:

Bryn Hollis: 2nd: 400m, 2nd: 200m, 2nd: 100m-run, 2nd: 100m, 4th: 50m walk

Thierry Krieger Penalva: 4th: 400m, 3rd: 200m, 5th: 100m, 3rd: 50m run, 1st: 100m, 2nd: 50m walk

Connor Fowke: 3rd: 100m, 3rd: 50m run, 1st: 50m walk

Samara Laurenson: 4th: 200m, 2nd: 100m, 3rd: 50m-run, 1st: 50m walk

Over all 1st place for inter-school relay. Congratulations to those students mentioned above - your commitment and support for others on the day was outstanding and a true credit to our school.

